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1. FOLLOWING EMBARGOED FOR RELEASED AT 12:30 P.M. SUNDAY
MARCH 17, TAIPEI TIME:

2. UNDER SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JOHN K. TABOR SUNDAY
DECLARED THAT THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION'S PURPOSE IS TO
KEEP THE U.S. ECONOMY AND THE WORLD ECONOMY "AS FREE AS
POSSIBLE."

3. MR TABOR WAS SPEAKING BEFORE A TAIPEI MEETING OF THE
ASIAN-PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE.
HE ARRIVED IN TAIPEI SATURDAY AT THE HEAD OF AN
OFFICIAL U.S. DELEGATION PARTICIPATING IN THE
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DEDICATION OF THE NEW U.S. TRADE CENTER ON MONDAY

MARCH 18.

4. MR. TABOR TOLD THE GATHERING OF U.S. BUSINESSMAN FROM THROUGHOUT THE AREA THAT "...DOMESTIC INFLATION, WORLD-WIDE SHORTAGES AND THE ARAB OIL EMBARGO HAVE CAUSED CONGRESS TO REACT WITH A WAVE OF ISOLATIONISM AND NATIONALISM; A SERIES OF BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO IMPOSE EXPORT CONTROLS ON A WHOLE LIST OF PRODUCTS..."

5. HE SAID "THE ADMINISTRATION HAS RECOGNIZED THE UNDERLYING EMOTIONS INVOLVED. BUT WE BELIEVE THERE IS A CRITICAL NEED TO MAINTAIN OUR EXPORT POSITION. THIS IS THE PRIME REASON WHY WE INTEND TO TREAD VERY LIGHTLY IN THE AREA OF EXPORT CONTROLS.

6. "WITH REGARD TO EXPORTS, AS WELL AS IMPORTS, IT IS THE ADMINISTRATION'S PURPOSE TO KEEP THE U.S. ECONOMY AND THE WORLD ECONOMY AS FREE AS POSSIBLE. I CANNOT GUARANTEE THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF ACTIONS WILL NOT PROVE NECESSARY IF DOMESTIC SHORTAGES DEVELOP IN PARTICULAR COMMODITIES, BUT I CAN SAY WITH SOME ASSURANCE THAT THE U.S. SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR OVERSEAS MARKETS WILL NOT BE DRAMATICALLY DIMINISHED."

7. UNDER SECRETARY TABOR SAID" THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE IN OUR COUNTRY AND, INDEED, THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, HAVE BUILT SO PAINSTAKINGLY OVER THE PAST 25 YEARS IN TRADE, INVESTMENT, ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND UNEQUALLED PROSPERITY ARE SEVERELY THREATENED BY THE EMBARGO LAST OCTOBER ON SHIPMENTS OF OIL TO CERTAIN LONG-IME CUSSTOMERS AND DRAMATIC INCREASESIN THE PRICE OF OIL."

8 . HE ADDED: "THE ACTION BY THE ARAB NATIONS MADE ALL OF THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD FACE UP TO BASIC POLICIES: HOW IN THE LONG RUN WILL THEIR VESTED INTERESTS BE SERVED."

9. POINTING TO THE CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE UNITED STATES OFLEADING INDUSTRIAL NATIONS TO MEET THIS CHALLENGE, TABOR QUOTED PRESIDENT NIXON AS SAYING THAT IF, INSTEAD OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPING A COMMON POLICY, EACH OF THE OIL CONSUMING NATIONS "WENT OFF ON ITS OWN, THE INEVITABLE EFFECT WILL BE THIS: "IT WILL DRIVE THE PRICE OF ENERGY UP, IT WILL DRIVE OUR ECONOMIES DOWN, AND IT WILL DRIVE ALL OF US APAART."

10. PRESIDENT NIXON, MR TABLR SAID, " REJECTED ANY SUCH NOTION AND DECLARED" " WE CAN HAVE NO SECURITY IN THE WORLD UNLESS WE ARE ALL SECURE AND UNLESS WE ALL COOPERATE ."

11. PRESIDENT NIXON HAS ASSURED THE WORLD, MR. TABOR CONTINUED, "THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL INDEED CONTINUE TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER NATIONS FOR MUTUAL SECURITY, AS WELL AS IN TRADE, MONETARY AFFAIRS AND THE FIELD OF ENERGY."

12. MR. TABOR ADDED: "...THERE IS REASON TO BE CONFIDENT THAT THE ENERGY CRISIS WILL BE MET NOT ONLY INTERNALLY IN THE UNITED STATES, BUT ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF ALL NATIONS." CLARKE

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